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To Whom It May Concern,

I do not think that the Microsoft Settlement is harsh enough. This is another case of "He who has the most money wins". Microsoft is receiving a slap on the wrist and is being asked nicely to please play fair. They will continue to have a monopoly of the operating system market and will continue their unfair business practices under this ruling.

Windows remains popular not because of stability and security, but because it is the only operation system that Microsoft will allow OEM's to put on their computers. If they want to sell Microsoft, they must not sell anything else.

This is like one company manufacturing the engines for every automobile sold on every lot in the country. Most people don't build their own cars, so they wouldn't know that another kind of engine existed. Just like most people won't remove the engine that came with the automobile, most won't remove windows and install another operation system.

If windows is as good as Microsoft claims, let's let consumers make the decision. Give them a choice of buying a computer from the local department store running windows, linux, unix, etc.

If there is only one name on the ballot, voters have no freedom.

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